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Notice of Exemption

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10/20/2022

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Orange

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Banning Ranch Acquisition Project

Project Applicant: The Trust for Public Land

Project Location - Specific:
1080 W. 17th St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Project Location – City: Costa Mesa Project Location – County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project is an acquisition of approximately 387.6 acres of coastal sage scrub, riparian habitat, wetlands, and other habitats along the Santa Ana River.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Trust for Public Land

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 25, Section 15325(a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
As an acquisition of open space that will forever preserve the property’s plant and animal habitats, this project falls under Class 25, Section 15325(a).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Rebecca Griffin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-8123

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 10/20/2022 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code